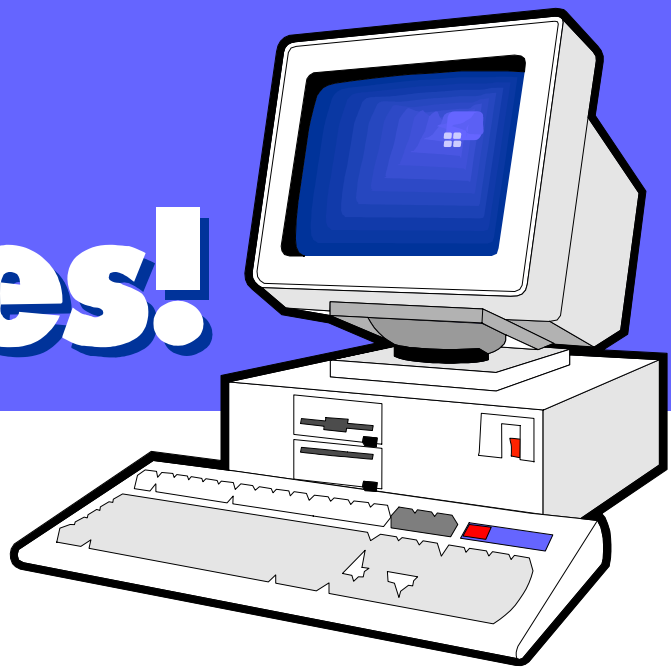


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Providers approved to use the Legacy system

In This Computes! # 57 you were provided a listing of hospitals that had chosen to not utilize the new SAR process until they completed internal system modifications. We advised you to not issue SAR authorizations to them or to the physician or other providers that practice in them. In recent discussions with the major hospitals and the physician groups, we have been requested to allow SAR's to be issued on an as requested basis even though the Hospitals may not be prepared to fully utilize the SAR process on an ongoing basis.

If you receive a SAR request from a hospital, a physician group or other provider that practices at the hospital, you should process the request and issue the authorization in the new SAR system. When you do so, you should closely monitor claims received under the legacy process to insure that the provider has not inadvertently sent in a legacy claim when a SAR has been approved for the CCS client for the same time period.

Claims processed using SAR's that have been approved as 100% State funded will be charged automatically to the State and not the issuing county, no post payment action will be required by the county.

Sales Tax modifiers

Questions as to which durable medical supply items are taxable and which are not have been raised. In most cases the provider should be aware of the tax consequences of the items they are requesting and can advise you as to the items taxability. However, the Medi-Cal web site contains a listing of codes indicating in most cases the tax status of each, this site can be reached at http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-MTP/Part2/tax_a02a04a06p00.doc. Or you can go to www.medi-cal.ca.gov, select provider manuals, then select Allied, here type in a search for sales tax and the sales tax article should be retrieved.